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TO: FBIS.

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SUBJECT: SALARY PROPOSAL

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BOTH HAVE BRANCHES IN MANAMA AND COULD HANDLE OUR PAYROLL, BUT I DO NOT THINK IT WOULD BE A SIMPLE MATTER. BOTH WOULD BE WILLING TO SET UP A LOCAL ACCOUNT AND ACCEPT DOLLAR FUNDS ELECTRONICALLY FOR CONVERSION TO BAHRAINI DINARS, BUT THEY ARE DOUBTFUL THEY COULD EFFICIENTLY HANDLE THE ELECTRONICALLY CONVEYED PAYROLL INFORMATION AND ACTUALLY ISSUE THE SALARY CHECKS BASED ON THAT INFORMATION. THEY WANT THE BUREAU TO EITHER DEAL WITH THEM DIRECTLY ON THE PAYROLL INFORMATION OR TO ISSUE THE CHECKS OURSELVES FROM THE LOCAL ACCOUNT. THIS WOULD ADD CONSIDERABLY TO THE BUREAU'S ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD.

- 2. ON AUTOMATIC DEPOSITS TO LOCAL EMPLOYEES* BANK ACCOUNTS, VERY FEW GULF BUREAU EMPLOYEES CAN HANDLE LOCAL BANK ACCOUNTS BECAUSE MOST BANKS DEMAND A MINIMUM BALANCE OF OVER \$1,000.
- IN ADDITION TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE HEADACHE THIS WOULD CAUSE, I THINK THAT SEPARATING THE HANDLING OF THE FBIS PAYROLL FROM THAT OF THE EMBASSY AND HAVING IT HANDLED BY A LOCAL BANK WOULD DO LITTLE TO ENHANCE

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